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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lazlo Hangody et al.
Serial No. : 10/087,999
Filed : March 5, 2002
Title : CARTILAGE GRAFTING

Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : David Owen Reip

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RESPONSE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION MAILED MAY 26, 2005 AND THE
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JANUARY 24, 2005

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on May 17, 2005. Applicants agree with the substance of the interview as set forth in the Supplemental Action. Applicants also thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on June 20, 2005, in which the Examiner clarified the election of species requirement in the Supplemental Action, as summarized below.

The election of species requirement in the Supplemental Action requires election of one of species 1-13. To the extent that the elected species of species 1-13 includes a guide, the Supplemental Action requires election of one of subspecies A, B, and C. To the extent that the elected species of species 1-13 includes a clamp body, the Supplemental Action requires election of one of subspecies X and Y.

Applicants elect, without traverse, species 1 ("combination of a director handle and guide") and subspecies A ("guide 105 with a fixed distal foot, as seen in Fig. 6"). Species 1 and subspecies A are together readable on claims 1-3 and 11-15. Claims 1-3 are generic to species 1-13 and to subspecies A, B, X and Y, and claims 11-15 are generic to claims 1-10 and species A and B. Applicants do not elect between subspecies X and Y because the elected species 1 does not include a clamp body.

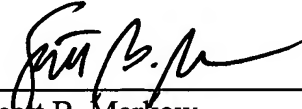
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Respectfully submitted,

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